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On December 29, 1997, while the plant was at 0% power in cold shutdown, Con Edison declared flow instrumentation associated with the liquid radwaste effluent and steam generator blowdown effluent lines to be inoperable. Indian Point Unit No. 2 Technical Specification Table 4.10-2, Items 3a and3b requires that a channel functional test be performed at quarterly intervals for the liquid radwaste effluent line and steam generator blowdown effluent line flow instrumentation, respectively. A channel functional test is defined as the injection of a simulated signal into the channel to verify operability. A recent review of past records for these flow instruments revealed that the channel functional tests had not been performed in accordance with Technical Specification requirements. Upon discovery of this condition, new test procedures were developed and implemented to address the appropriate test methodology. The health and safety of the public were not effected by this event.

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channel functional test be performed at quarterly intervals for the liquid radwaste effluent line and steam generator blowdown effluent line flow instrumentation. A channel functional test is defined as the injection of a simulated signal into the channel to verify operability. Also required to be performed at daily intervals is a channel check, which is defined as a qualitative determination of acceptable operability by observation of channel behavior during operation. A recent review by Con Edison of past records for these flow instruments revealed that the channel functional tests had not been performed in accordance with Technical Specifications. Test procedure PT-D5, "Channel Checks," is used to document the daily surveillance requirements for these flow indicators. This same procedure was erroneously used to satisfy the quarterly channel functional test. A review of past channel calibration tests was performed to determine the "asfound" calibration history for these flow instruments. Based upon the "as-found" calibration history and the fact that the channel functional test had not been conducted by the injection of a simulated signal into the channel to verify operability, the flow instruments were deemed to be inoperable. This report is provided pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(I)(B).

ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE:

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CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE:

The use of erroneous test methodology was an oversight in the development of the tests. A thorough root cause analysis of this event and the identification of corrective actions will be performed. When this analysis is completed, we will provide a summary of conclusions and corrective actions in a supplement to this report.

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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

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> New quarterly test procedures PT-Q69, "Liquid Rad Waste Flow Functional Test," and PT-Q70, "Steam Generator Blowdown Flow Functional Test," were developed to address the Technical Specification channel functional test requirements. These tests have been satisfactorily performed. Upon the completion of these channel functional tests, all affected flow instrumentation were determined to be operable.